

Protecting Moms and Babies Against Climate Change Act

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BACKGROUND

Climate change and climate-related hazards – such as extreme heat, extreme weather events, air pollution, and water-related illnesses – pose a grave threat to pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum individuals and their babies.¹ In fact, it's estimated that extreme heat exposure during pregnancy is associated with a 27% increase in the risk of experiencing severe maternal morbidity, with Black mothers disproportionately impacted.^{2 3}

The **Protecting Moms and Babies Against Climate Change Act** will address these climate change-related risks, making robust investments in initiatives to reduce levels of and exposure to extreme heat, air pollution, and other environmental threats to pregnant people, new moms, and their infants.

BILL SUMMARY

The **Protecting Moms and Babies Against Climate Change Act** will:

1. Invest in **community-based programs to identify and address climate change-related maternal and infant health risks**, particularly in communities of color.
2. **Provide funding to health professional schools** to prepare future nurses, doctors, and other health care workers to address climate change-related risks for patients.
3. Establish an **NIH consortium to advance research on climate change and maternal & infant health**.
4. Develop a comprehensive strategy to **identify and designate climate change risk zones** for pregnant and postpartum people and their babies.

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